General Situation of Stock Market Much Better.

TIME MONEY MUCH EASIER

Bulk of the 'Day's Business Was Done During Morning Session, Though Activity Was Resumed in the Closing Hour.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 20.—General improvement was shown by the stock market to-day. The absence of selling pressure at the opening caused the protessional element to cover in a number of the active issues with the result that numerous material gains were registered. Southern Pacific was one of the sweepflons, showing more or less weakness throughout the day. The bulk of the day's business was done of the weakness throughout the day. The bulk of the day's business was done in the hour the market resumed the main and hour the market resumed the main inviting and closing of the day. The better feeling the word of the first the season, though in the last of the season of the greater ease in the word of the greater ease in the season of the greater ease in the search of the greater ease in the search of the greater ease in the search of the greater and the season of the greater of the greater advanced word points. There were improved fores for Baltimore and Ohio, St. Louis days of the greater of the much talked deal of the word of the much talked of deal would soon be made. Buggar sansa were weak throughout sead, maignmated Copper was burely stead, Talagra fand of the greater of the stock down in hundred share lots.

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In greater of the sealy afternoon was the sudden demand for Metropolitan, which was said to come from the large short interest. On fairly large transactions the stock made a gain of 4 points, closing at the top. The hard coal stocks were fairly active and advanced on what was reported to be ins

otal sales of stocks to-day were 510.-

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE:
Money on call, rather easier at 465 per
cent; closing offered, 5: time money,
easier; sixty days, 5 1-265 3-4; ninety
days, 6 1-265 3-4; six months, 563 1-2;
prime mercantile paper, 6; sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in
bankers' bills at \$4.87.2064.87.25 for demand and at \$4.87.2064.88; commercial
bills, \$4.83 1-270.83 3-4; bar silver, 43 1-2;
Mexican dellars, 38 1-4; government bands,
strong; State bonds, inactive; railroad
bonds, firm.

## THE EDITORS' VIEWS.

What the New York Evening Papers Have to Say of Yesterday's Trading.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—The Evening

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Evening gun says: The quiet strength apparent in to-day's stock market dealings was not directly accounted for by any new developments in this morning's news or in the day's occurrences. "Money on call was in somewhat freer supply around 5 per cent, than had been expected, and this was doubtless one of the influences effective in shaping sentiment. With regard to the monetary situation, the banks increased their loss to the sub-Treasury quite heavily yesterday making the total amount up to \$1,068.000. Yesterday's loss of over \$500,000 was, however, made so late in the week that it will cut only a small figure in to-morrow's figures of averages in the bank statement.

The banks reported a gain on the direct interior movement of \$51,000, making a net loss of \$550,000.

It is evident from these lightes that to-morrow's showing with respect to surplus reserves will be governed entirely by the changes in the loan account. Some interesting returns of railway raffic were submitted, covering various periods, and among them was the notable showing of the Missouri Pacific Company for January, wherein an increase in net earnings of \$82,000, or more than 100 per cent, appeared.

per cent. appeared.

The Commercial-Afvortiser says: A quite but distinctly strong market to-day reflected the general impression that confidence has been restored finally in financial circles, but that any upward movement ought to proceed very cautiously. This sentiment was emphasized, no doubt, by the showing of the banks in the week's currency movement, which was hardly as favorable as had been expocted, in its forecast for to-morrow's bank statement.

A number of the railroad stocks continued their advance, and rose fractionally above yesterday's high prices. But it was evidently the rejuctance of holders to sell, with the financial sky-clearing, rather than any new buying power that impelled the market upward. By afternoon the movement had become more hesitating, with no symptoms of reaction.

The most favorable single development

reaction.

The most favorable single development of the day was the belated January statement of the day was the belated January statement of the Missouri Pacific, which again draws attention to the exceptionally brilliant record which the company is making, both in gross and net earnings.

Among other outside matters, to-morrow's report of the Anthracite Strike Commission was actually discussed, and there was also some talk of a possible decision next week in the Northern Securities case.

The market closed strong for the general list, with sharp advances in the contraction of the contraction o

Titles case, the closed strong for the general list, with sharp advances in Metropolitan, Rock Island, and one or two other issues. Southern Pacific was heavy throughout the day.

The Evening Post says: Indications of a favorable bank showing, with relief at the progress made towards a settlement of the dispute between the New Havon management and the road's employes, touching a readjustment of wage schedules, influenced a continuation of yesterday's recovery in to-day's stock market.

market.
The Granger shares received most attention, Union Pacific, St. Paul and Mis-

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PRIVATE WIRES TO PRINCIPAL MARKETS.

## OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK

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LL	98:	Open	High	Low	.Close.	BALL		Open	Ourselve in		SERV V
00	Mo, Kan, and Tex. pfd	107	10017	137	677	2000	Amer. Cotton Oil com	200	2814	28	
XX	New York Central	8184	8146	13114	2117	100	Amer. Locomotive com	2844	200	01	0.32
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	CLOSING	BOND	QUOTATIONS.
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Union Pacific ('s...
Union Pacific Conv. ('s...
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Wabash 2d's
Wabash Dob. B's Wasts hore 4's
West Shore 4's
Wheeling and Lake Brie 4's
Wisconsin Central 4's
Continental Tobacco 4's
Colorade Fuel 1's
Rock Island
Fennsylvania con, 3's
M. and O. collateral trust 4's
Central of Georgia 2d Inc
Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. com
Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. pfd.

souri Pacific being features of chief strength.

Movement in the latter stock was explained in part by the \$623,000 increase in January net earnings. Effected some investment onlying, the market was mostly professional, with occasional covering by short interests. Business was in the main periods of duliness, the market because at times quite active. Rusiness was in the main periods of duliness, the market because at times quite active. Rusiness dulines the Bouthern Pacific episode to develop special distruturance was also a governing factor, influencing a better sentiment.

Metropolitan, Rock Island and Colorado Southern were features of strength during the final trading. The market closed strong and generally active.

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The Mail and Express says: The stock market to-day resumed its upward course, somewhat slowly at first, but with increased force later on, with the attendant result of the establishment, of material net gains. Speculation in Southern Pacific was again nervous, with frequent vibrations in the price, but the contest between the pool in the stock and the Union Pacific management was practically eliminated as a market factor. The same thing occurred at London, where Americans improved, a condition that afforded encouragement to operators on this side.

The local professional element and Wostern operators were generally ranged on the bull side, and especially some of those heratofore bearish, and there was no organized resistance to the improving tendency of the market. Western buying was influenced in a measure buying was influenced in a measure buying highly favorable showing of earnings now being made by roads in that sections.

The closing was off from the best under profit-taking.

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

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BALTIMORE, MD., March 20.—Seaboard
Air Line common, 25; do. preferred, 41%.
Seaboard 4"8, 83%. Atlantic Coast Line,
common and preferred, no sales.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO:
Bull points were out on Baltimore and
Ohio, and it looked as if the Salomen following had taken the long side. They
are generally pretty well informed,

refisco and Rock Island:
The strength in St. Louis and San Francisco and Rock Island was based on the conference between President Yoakum, Judge Moore and G. W. Perkins, It was inferred that the announcement of the consolidation was near, and that the Frisco people had modified their demands.

President Yoakum, of 'Frisco, leaves New York to-day for the Wast. Formal announcement of the deal is not likely to be nude before the beginning of next week.

READING BUYING GOOD:
There was some attempt to shake out a
little Rauding stock on the forecasts
of the Strike Commission report, but the
buying looked rather good.

THE AFTERNOON TRADING:

In the early afternoon the market was somewhat dull, but very hard, Peacition of a good spowing in the bank statement, were encouraged by the estimated currency movement and upon the whole prices seemed to advance with very moderate stimulus. Traders were more bullish than they have been for some time past.

MISSOURI PACIFIC STRONG:
Excellent earnings account for the
strength in Missouri Pacific, where the
Goulds seemed to be picking up stock.

BULLISH ON ST. PAUL: The Standard Oil crowd is rather more bullish than it was, and especially on St. Paul.

NEW YOUR CENTRAL:
In spite of official denials there is good reason to think that there is a great deal of truth in the reported large Rocke-feller holdings in New York Central. The Standard Oil people are not taking any pains to conceal their views on the management of that property and their idea of what could be done with more modern methods.

Investment Securities. COALERS SHOWED STRENGTHILL BALTIMORE, MD., March 10.—FLOUR-

on the expected big showing in the February earnings. AMAIGAMATED COPPER:
A. C. P. acted a little better in the late afternoon, but the buil account in it is rather unwieldy.

MOVEMENT OF MONEY:
The principal movements of currency this week indicate that the banks lost thereby \$560,200. The loss to the sub-Treasury was \$1.038,000 and the gain on the direct interior movement was \$17,-80. KEENE BROKERS BUYERS:
The Keene brokers bought stocks all around the room about noon and were credited with some of the purchases in Union Pacific.

THE CLOSE:
The close was rather under the best and represented some profit-taking by traders on the theory that the day's advance to some extent discounted the coming bank statement, even if it were as fayorable as the street hoped for,

THE PRODUCE MARKET. Richmond, Va., March 20, 1903. WHEAT— QUOTATIONS, 80 G82 80 G82 80 G82 75 G81

OATS—
No. 2 mixed 41
No. 3 mixed 40
No. 2 white 42
Winter seed 58
RYE 88

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD. March 29.—Seaboard Air Line common 26; do. preferred. the season of the se

CHICAGO, ILL., March 20.—Quiteness prevailed in the grain and provision pits to-day, but higher prices were realized with the exception of wheat, which closed about steady with May %c. lower. May corn was %c. higher; oats were up a fraction, and May provisions closed from 10 to 15c. higher

15c, higher.			
The leading futures Open.	High.	Low.	Close,
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fair to choice maiting seed, \$1.10; No. 1 i Mess pork, per barr per 100 pounds, \$10.50	17@66 forthwe el. \$18.1 10.15; sh	stern. 10218.15: 1071 rlb	lard, lard, s sides
(boxed), \$8.76G8.87½; B ed), \$10.37½@10.50, W wines, \$1.50. Clover, G Butter easy; creame	hort cle hiskey, contract ry, 176	ar sides basis o grade, 27140, i	high sizes, dairy
Sopt	include bushels bushels	d, 1340 corn. hogs,	12.00
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Dull and unchanged. Wheat—Very dull; spot and the month, 754/6781/c; Southern by sample, 706/19c. Corn—Firmer; spot and the month, 494/6491/c; Southern white. 850/494/c, Oats—Firm; No. 2, 53c. Butter, Cheese and Sugar—Firm and unchanged, Eggs—Firm and unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The cotten market opened steady at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2 points and immediately following the call developed considerable firmness, notwithstanding weak Liverpool cables, which, due to come 265 points higher, were but 11/422 points higher at the time of the New York opening. The early firmness was the result of renewed covering by shorts and some buying for the long account based on the continued flood reports and moderate estimates for the day's receipts. The carly firmness was to the result of renewed covering by shorts and some buying for the long account based on the continued flood reports and moderate estimates for the day's receipts. The country of the day's receipts of the points of the day's receipts that about 30,000 bale of a syncetic thing for the standard series of the country of the day of the lowest. Bales of futures estimated at 300,000 bales.

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steady:	0:	en. High		Clos.
March	10.01	10.01	9.86	9,87
April	9.93	9.93	9.87	9.86
May		9.95	9.86	9.87
June	9.80	9.80	9.74	9.72
July		9.80	9.70	0.72
August		0.34	9.45	0.45
	8.97	8.98	8.90	8.92
October		8.67	8.60	8.60
November	8.55	8.57	8.51	8.50
	8.63	8,53	8.49	8.48

Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred—10 shares at 127; Is shares at 85.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical common—18 shares at 65.
STATE SECURITIES.
Bid. Asked
North Carolina 45 C. 1910..... 102

### COTTON MARKETS.

merchandise and passengers, Clyde line.

Steamer Winyah, O'Neill. Philadelphia, Pa., merchandise and passengers, Clyde line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Co. Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

vember, 8.40\(\tilde{G}\)3.42; Dacember, 8.40\(\tilde{G}\)3.41.

The following the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:
Galveston, 1.510.699 bales; New Orleans, 1.974.505 bales; Mable, 195.009 bales; Savvannah, 1.204.325 bales; Charleston, 207.077 bales; Wilminston, 20.635 bales; Norfolk, 469.975 bales; Baltimore, 52.775 bales; Newport Nows, 14.105 bales; Philadelphia, 469.975 bales; Baltimore, 52.775 bales; Newport Nows, 14.105 bales; Philadelphia, 1.534 bales; Brunswick, 102.555 bales; Fernandina, 5.134 bales; Pensacola, 126.501 bales; Port Arthur, 52.25 bales; Port Arthur, 52.25 bales; Port Arthur, 52.35 bales; Port Arthur, 52.55 bales; Laredo, 13.125 bales; Total, 6.84,395 bales; Laredo, 13.125 bales; Total, 6.84,395 bales.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. Richmond, Va., March 20, 1903.

Many Favorable Symptoms to Counterbalance Heavy Rains.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 20,—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:
Excessive moisture in the form of heavy rains and floods or of merely bad roads is an apparent drawback to distributive trade. Over against this, however, is to be placed an improvement in jobbing trade at some leading Western centers, a shade better than heretofore reported in collections, a perceptible easing of the car shortage trouble and ingreased strength in the iron and steel trades. There is even some, though, perhaps, more appurent than real, improvement in the labor situation; some strikes having been avoided or settled, but labor disturbance is still a possible under thing feature, particularly in the building trades. The Baster season is one of the judged from the fact that lower lake navigation is stready protty well open. The press of the many strikes of demand in retail lines, Gross railrond cernings for the first half of March 190 and 19 Business fallures for the week number 194, against 197 in the like week of 1902. CHRISTIAN RESOLUTION The House Committee on Federal Relations met yesterday afternoon and reported favorably the joint resolution offered by Mr. Christian, of this city, to appoint a joint committee to further the scheme of copying the roster of Confederate troops upon the records of the War Department at Washington, shortly to be published.

Governor Montague is heartly for of the move, and will lend hy in every way possible to its account ment. The resolution will likely rub both houses, and the joint committee will likely co-operate with Governor Montague and prominent ex-Confederates who will be called into conference. It looks as if the ends simed at will shortly be accom-

FINE SPEECH FOR CHANGE

MISCILLANEOUS.
Amer Tob. Co. pfd., 8 p. c. . 100 . . . . 150
American Locomotive pfd. . . 100 824
Consolidated Tob 47 bonds. 100 824
Va.-Cat. Chem. pfd., 8 p. c. . 100 1844
V.-C. Cat. Chem. com. . 100 64
V.-C. Chem. Collateral T. 5 s. . 100 Mr. Eugene Massie for Torrens System.

ADVOCATES LEAKE BILL

The Committees for Courts of Justice

CATTLE MARKET.

CHICAGO. ILL., March 20.—CA'ITLE—
Receipts, 1,500 head; steady, Good to prime 
steers, nominal at \$3,103.75; poor to medium, \$1,524.75; stockers and feeders, 
\$2,754.86; cows, \$1,502.49; helfers, \$2,250; 
daives, \$327.7 Texas-fed steers, \$42.50; 
doing in higher. Mixed and butchers, \$12.50; 
67.45; good to choice heavy, \$7,5527.65; 
bulk of sales, \$1,2527.50; Sheep—Receipts, 
\$2,000 head; sheep and lambs steady, Good 
to choice wethers, \$6.4026.75; fair to choice 
mixed, \$4,5025.90; native lambs, \$7,2527.50. Two Judiclary Committees, Lewyers Business Men and Legislatore Listen to Earnest Appeal for New Plan for Land Registation.

NEW YORK, March 20.—BEEVEE—Bleady to strong; fat bulls, 15,025c. higher; others steady; fat cows, strong; others steady. Steers, 14,765.65; tone, 55.85; bulls, 15,564.50; cows, 11,056.50; Veals—Steady to strong, 55,06.25. City dressed veals, casy at 10,016. per pound. Sheep—Steady for top grades; others slow and weak. Sheep, 14,25,06.60; lambs, 15,003.16; spring lambs, 35,39 per head. Hogs—Higher; Pennsylvania and State, 37,500,7.50. met in the Supreme Court room yesterday afternoon, heard a powerful speech by Mr. Eugene Massie in favor of the bill offered in the Senate by Mr. Moliwaine, and in the House by Mr. Leake,
putting into operation the Torrens (English) system of registering land in Virginia, and adjourned without taking any
action. There was a good attendance of
the members of the committee, and a
large number of lawyers, business men,
and members of the Legislature
were present to hear the discussion, which was as able as has been
heard liere on any subject in a long
time. The joint committee was called
to order by Senator Mcliwaine, chairman
of the Senate Committee, a quorum of
both bodies being present. He stated
that he had offered the bill under consideeration in the Senate, but he claimed no
credit for it, as it had been worked out
and drawn after hard study by Mr. Masale, assisted by Professor Lile, of the University of Virginia.

He introduced Mr. Massie, who at
once waded into an able and elequent
discussion of the bill. He deplored the
present system of registering land in Virginia, and said it was a well known fact
that great doubt and uncertainty hovered
about titles in the State, and that it had
been so ever since he establishment of
the State.

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Mr. Massie read a letter from Col. William H. Palmer, president of the City Bank
endorsing the Torrens system, and giving
some interesting experiences that had
come in his way in the matter of acquiring title to real estate, both in the
city and elsewhere in the State.

Mr. Massie pointed out the difficulties
of examining titles and said that, howover honest might be the examiner, hi EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., March 20.— CATTLE-Steady, Veals steady. Tops, 38.25@8.50; a few at 93; common ta good, 25.38. Hogs-Active at 10g/15c. higher Heavy, \$7.097.80; mixed, \$7.0867.70; pigs, 7.097.80; mixed, \$7.0867.70; pigs, 7.097.80; roughs, \$7.57.15; stags, \$5.560.80; hopen and Lambs-Steady; top native western, \$7.0527.80; cuils to good, \$5.097.80; ewestern, \$7.0527.80; cuils to good, \$5.097.80; ewes, \$7.76.26; sheep, top mixed, \$5.76.60; cuils to good, \$2.2606.85.

CINCINNATT, O., March 20.—H0CS.
Active at \$5.1527.90; Cattle-Strong at \$2.25 g1.55. Sheep—Steady at \$3.5006. Lambs—Steady at \$3.5006. MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

CATTLE MARKET.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, MARCH 20, 1903. ARRIVED. Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Domin-

PORT WEST POINT, MARCH 20, 1903.

ARRIVED.
Steamer Baltimore, Cournoy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.
Steamer Mary Tyler, Haynes, Mattaponi River landings, pasengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

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SAILED.

Steamer Baltimore, Courtney, Baltimore, cargo, assengers and general cargo.

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PORT NEWPORT NEWS, MARCH 26,
ARRIVED.
Schooner J. C. Strawbridge, Boston.
Barge White Band, Boston.
SAILED.
Steamer Castano, Norfolk.
Steamer Hector, Boston.
Schooner Eagle Wing, Boston.
Schooner Charles A. Campbell, Boston.
Barge Malvern, Boston.
Barge Havana, Boston.
Schooner Kate B. Ozden, New London.
Schooner Childo Harold, Quincy Foint.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW Many Favorable Symptoms to Counter

balance Heavy Rains.

**FAVORABLY REPORTED** 

PEANUT AND PEA MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., March 20.—There is no change in the prices of peanuts since last week. The prices are strady as follows: Fanoy, quiet at 5c.; strictly prime, 24c.; prime, 24c.; low grades, 25; machine picked, 13-20%, is panish, 17-5c. per bushel. Blackeye pess, 13.25 bag; black and speckle pess, 12. day and red pess, 80c. Feanut bags in bales 33 in., 7-4-00. NUTS—Spanish new, market very firm at Tigic; sellers asking more. Virginia s—Quiet at 3c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The dry goods market has been slow and uneventful but sellers show no inclination to make concessions nor to agree to any offers of buyers that are all under the market. Jobbers are doing only a moderate business with nearby retail trade, but reports fro mthe country are that retail trade is increasing most favorably.

MANCHESTER, March 20.—Cloths dull and inactive; yarns firm, but not active.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 20.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Firm at 50.; receipts, 279 barrels. Crude Turpentine-Firm at 11.55; receipts, 279 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at 51.55; receipts, 135 casks; sales, 165 casks; exports, 7 bcasks, Rosh—Firm; receipts, 2,144 barrels; sales, none; exports, 1728 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 20.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 660.; Rosin—Firm; Proceipts, 2,144 barrels; sales, none; exports, 1728 barrels.

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NEW YORK, March 20,—With lard products again higher, cottonseed oil was firm at oid prices, but quiet. Prime crude here nominal; prime crude, £. o. b. mills, 314,625c.; prime summer yellow, 415,625c.; off summer yellow, 233,625c.; prime white, 65c.; prime winter yellow, 45c.; prime meal, \$71.00728.

system. THE NEW SYSTEM, Taking up the Torrens system, the speaker declared that it was no experiment, and he read a long list of countries and States of the Union, where it was in vogue, and he pointed out that it had been endorsed by the Bar Associations of many other States, including Virginia; and, in a word, he claimed that the Torrens system would be almost a Godzend to the people of Virginia. Continuing, he sald:

said:
"It clears titles; it registers titles; it renders the transfer of titles easy, certain and cheap."

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Mr. Massic then cited many cases in the successful working of the system in other States, and read letters showing that it was working well everywhere it lind been tried. He took the bill and ex-plained it in detail to the committee, and every one seemed deeply interested

Not Decided.

The House Committee on Manufacturers' and Machanies' Aris held a meeting last night and further considered the bill offered by Hon. John Whitehead, of Norfolk, to require stationary engineers to stand examination.

The bill was further considered, and will be taken up in executive session one night next week, probably Friday.

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# ADDRESS THE BIG MEETING TO MEN

Mr. Lee A. Coulter Speaks at the Y. M. C. A. To-Morrow Afternoon.

Mr. Lee A. Coulten State secretary the Va. Young Men's Christian Association will address the big meeting for men to the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-morrow afternoon will address the big meeting for men is the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3:50 e'clock. His theme will be "Al Great Victory." Miss Pattle V. Isaaca, the contraito of Grace-Street Baptiss Church, will be the soloist. Mn. Coultan is a young man of earnest life, and is in domand as a convention speaker.

The services will begin promptly at 3:50 o'clock, and every fellow who has even met defeat should hear the address, and the fellow who desires to know how to "win out" cannot afford to miss the meeting.

The big conversational Bible class will meet in the parlor at 5 o'clock for one-half hour's discussion. The older boys will meet at 3 o'clock in the parlor, and the younger boys' meeting will be held at the same hour in the boys' room.

For Commissioner.

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In case the Sale bill, creating a Department of Insurance, shall become law, it is likely that there will be a pretty three-cornered fight for the place. Colonel Grenville Gaines, of Fauquier, has announced his candidacy, and it is said that Colonel Joseph Button, clerk of the Senate, and Mr. S. G. Akers, clerk to the former railroad commissioner, will enter the race.

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Mr. Fenjamin T. Gunter, of Accomac Courthouse, has announced his candidacy for Senator from the district composed of the counties of Northampton and Accomac, to succeed the late Dr. G. W. Le Cato. Mr. Gunter is one of the most distinguished young lawyers on the Eastern Shore, is Commonwealth's Attorney for his county, and a son of the late Judge Benjamin T. Gunter.

## BANK CLEARINGS

Table Giving Figures for Principal Office. of the Country.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The following table, compiled by Bradstrests, shows the bank clearings at a number of the principal cities for the week ending March 19th, with the percentage of increase and decreases, as compared with the corresponding week last year. Skriye cities aga included in the teacher.

plained it in detail to the committee, and every one seemed deeply interested in what was said.

He went into the intricate provisions of the bill, which were followed closely by the committee, and as he passed from section to section he took occasion to dwell upon its validity and to declare that it would be best for all the people of the State if it should be adopted.

Mr. Massie's olosing appeal to the committee was a really brilliant one, and stirred the hearts of all who heard it to the necessity of some change in the pression of umbersome system of registering land. When he had concluded his fine address the committee rose without takeing any action on the bill.

Some of the prominent persons present were Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Messrs.

Frank T. Suiten, William Crump Tucker, Henry L. Cabell, John Skelton Williams, George Bryan, William Massie, Otway S. Allen, Hon. Henry Fairfax, Colonel James Mann, Robert Lee Traylor, A. W. Patterson, Frank P. Brent, Joseph Bryan, Virginius Newton, and a number of the members of the Senate and House.

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Mr. O. F. Grady, a wall known plans man, is now with Fergusson Bros., No. 1 West Broad Street, where he will be slad to see his friends and the plane buying public,—adv.

AMUSEMENTS.

# APRIL 15TH

CONFEDERATE BAZAAR Rememba atte he Date